

LTSS TRAINING TODAY



February 2022

Happy Valentines Day!



Medicaid Benefits Enrollment

If entities charging individuals for assistance with Medicaid applications are approaching you or members in your facility; please make sure you are aware that there are existing entities providing similar/identical services at no charge such as the Area Agency on Aging & Disability (AAAD's).

Call **1-866-836-6678** from anywhere in the state to be automatically directed to your nearest Area Agency.

A Helpful Reminder...

Medical Eligibility:

If you need assistance regarding PAE/Medical Eligibility, CHOICES Enrollment or TPAES contact the LTSS Help Desk at LTC.Operations@tn.gov or 1-877-224-0219.

Financial Eligibility:

If you have financial eligibility or Medicaid application questions contact TNHC at eogs.tennCare@tn.gov or 1-855-259-0701.

COVID-19 Pandemic

On November 19, Governor Bill Lee ended the public health emergency for the state of Tennessee.

What does this mean for LTSS Programs?

The COVID-19 related flexibilities for LTSS programs are dependent on the **federal** PHE declaration, rather than the State's declaration. Once the federal declaration ends, we will have a short window (in most cases, 6 months) to end all remaining flexibilities. Based on the best information available, we think it is likely early in the new year.

ECF Member Success Stories

Click the links below to read our recent Employment & Community First CHOICES success stories!

[Brandon's Story](#)

[April's Story](#)

Coming Soon: PERLSS Project

Pre-Admission Evaluations and Referrals for Long-Term Services and Supports (PERLSS) is a modern, cloud-hosted solution that will fully replace and expand the functionality of the TennCare Pre-Admission Evaluation System (TPAES). Stay tuned for more information!

Enhanced FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) Funding

TennCare and the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) announced a bold plan to invest up to \$400 million of federal COVID-19 relief funds to provide home and community-based services (HCBS) for older adults and individuals with disabilities across Tennessee.

For more information, click [here](#).

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Please forward to staff in your company that complete or submit TennCare (Medicaid) PAEs/PASRRs. This contains important information for all TPAES users.

State of Tennessee Division of TennCare

Help Desk Tips, 8:00-4:30 (CT), 1-877-224-0219 or LTC.Operations@tn.gov

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